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Master Craftsman Correspondence Course

The Supreme Council has an exciting new correspondence course designed and administered by the staff at the House of the Temple in Washington, D.C. under the guidance and leadership of the Supreme Council.

Studying at your own pace, the Master Craftsman Correspondence Program will increase and test your knowledge of the Scottish Rite while you learn about its structure and organization, its rich history, and its deeply philosophic Masonic teachings.

The course consists of a series of six reading assignments and six open book quizzes utilizing the *Scottish Rite Ritual Monitor and Guide* by Arturo de Hoyos, 33° and *A Bridge to Light* by Rex Hutchens, 33°. With the completion of each lesson and quiz, you mail to the Supreme Council and receive feedback and positive comments from their staff. A personalized certificate and lapel pin are awarded upon completion of the course.

The course fee is \$35 plus shipping and handling and is available at www.scottishrite.org/mastercraftsman.html.

STATED MEETING

November Stated Meeting



Monday Evening, November 3

Stated Meeting at 5:30

Ladies Club Boutique 5:30

Social 6:00

Dinner 7:00

Masonic Conversation Group in the Library before dinner

Ladies and Brethren with reservations will be \$12.00.

Officers—Tux Attire

Coming Events

NOVEMBER 3— Stated Meeting — Ladies Club Boutique

NOVEMBER 8—32° culmination of Spring 2008 Class

NOVEMBER 11— Veteran's Day—Fly the Flag

NOVEMBER 27—Thanksgiving Day—count your blessings

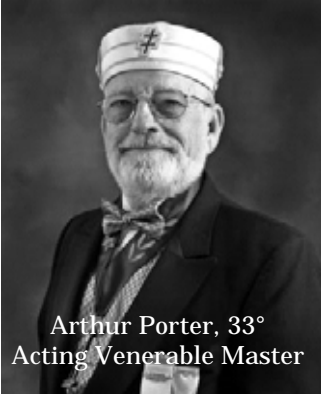
DECEMBER 1—Stated Meeting—Appreciation Night / Election of Officers

DECEMBER 15—Childhood Language Center Christmas Party

DECEMBER 25—Merry Christmas



Master's Message



Arthur Porter, 33°
Acting Venerable Master

My father was a great one for giving me tongue twisters and the solving of simple equations. He once asked me "what is twice the half of a quarter?" and again, "How far can a rabbit run into the woods?" Both have a simple answer. In today's Freemasonry this question needs to be addressed, "How far one has gone into the study of Freemasonry?"

Have we taken the advantage of learning where we as Masons came from?, where we are at present?, and where we are going? Sometimes, once away from our formal "elemental" schooling, and perhaps while still at school, education for some may not have been considered primary. Reflecting on my own education at secondary school my interest in history was "zilch". Nowadays this condition has reversed, seemingly I can not get enough of this discipline.

Towards the end of the preceptor's oration in the 32°, these words are used, "*and if you will, be a leader*". In Pike's "Morals and Dogma" we are constantly told what a Mason is expected to do to be an effective leader. Not merely for the notion of leading a discussion in a classroom situation but setting a daily example to those with whom we interface. It continues on with those that we do not interface regularly but to those we are openly exposed to casually. Our actions and words are freely bouncing around for the world to see, and we are examined continually. We must lead by example!

Illustrious Rex Hutchens, 33°, G.C. a Past Grand Master of Arizona, gave a talk in Oakland and his topic was certainly interesting. At the conclusion of the talk his final piece of advice was to "**read a book**". May I steal this phrase and pass it on to you?

Today there seems to be a Renaissance in men seeking membership in the Craft. All of us need to be in an understanding mode of how to answer

questions in a meaningful way to correctly answer questions such as, "What is a Mason?" To this question I have heard some really disturbing answers. There are several thousand books on Freemasonry available in the bookstores today and the number seems to be multiplying rapidly. Our own Oakland Scottish Rite Library has hundreds of books which can be borrowed or read within our walls. I find the atmosphere of both the Library and our new Members Lounge to be an excellent place to kick off ones shoes and get lost in some illuminating verbiage. Care to join me?

Our thanks goes to Illustrious Marc Rice, 33°, with his return to Grand Lodge this year selling jewelry items to raise funds for our Scottish Rite. Well done my Brother.

In the same vein we applaud the efforts of the Knights of Saint Andrew for their services to the DeMolay of Northern California, at their Grand Master's Class, 2008. Several of the members became cooks and hosts for the young Masons of the future. Thank you Sir Knights.

Arthur Porter, 33°
Acting Venerable Master



Drawing by our late Brother Gus Zaidler, 32°



Christmas Shopping?

If you're looking for some stocking stuffers or an inexpensive little gift for that special Mason on your list, we have some very nice little items on display in our office. Things like: Masonic cuff links, or tie bars, or Masonic belt buckles, that would make very nice Christmas gifts for that special Mason on your list. Nothing is very expensive, and all profits go to our Children's Language clinic. Stop in and browse.



2009 Dues Cards in the Mail

By the time you receive this Bulletin, you may have already received your 2009 membership card in the mail. That doesn't mean that your dues for 2009 are paid, unless you recently sent us a check.

Three years ago the Supreme Council tried an experiment to see if we could reduce our postage expense. Instead of spending postage to send you a statement of dues, and then spending more postage to send your card once your check has been received, your 2009 membership card is being sent out along with the bill. Last year it saved us hundreds of dollars in postage. We figure that our members are honorable people and will send their dues payments to us in the mail when they receive their new membership cards. We also accept payments by credit cards for your convenience.

If your dues for 2008 have not been paid, then you will not receive your 2009 card in the mail until your dues are current; you will receive a regular statement and your 2008 & 2009 cards will be sent as soon as payment is made.

As always, there will be a few glitches in this new system. If you have paid your 2008 dues since August 16th, or thereabout, you may receive a bill for 2008 & 2009. This is because the cut-off date was about that time and the computer did not know that your check was in the mail. If you do not agree with the amount due on your statement, please call our office at (510) 451-1903 and we will try to figure out the reason for the discrepancy.

We do have a number of members whose dues for 2007 (and even some for 2006) have not been paid. If you are among that number, please try to bring your dues up to a current status when you receive your billing from the Supreme Council. Your prompt payment is greatly appreciated.

Life members will also automatically receive their 2009 membership cards in the mail. There will be a bill enclosed, but the amount due will be \$0.00. Isn't that a nice bill to receive!

A note from the Temple Manager

Dear Brothers and ladies,

The year 2008 has been a very good one for the Scottish Rite Temple. We have accomplished many things and the building is looking better than ever. Of course, the major improvement has been the restoration and furnishing of our members lounge on the third floor. This is a major improvement in our building and was designed as a place for our members to meet and socialize. This area will not be rented out to the public but is reserved for members and their ladies only. The project was quite expensive, but fortunately it was paid for by the bequest of one of our members, Brother Ed Perry, who left part of his estate to the Oakland Scottish Rite. This was a real windfall for us because it enabled us to make these improvements immediately, and without drawing money from our operating funds.

The rental of our facilities to the public enables us to maintain our Temple in reasonably good shape and to make some improvements each year. Our Temple is now over 80 years old and there are always repairs and maintenance necessary. Some projects just have to be deferred until we can afford them. We have had to put the parking structure on the back burner for awhile because it was just too expensive for us at the present time. Our next priority is to refinish the back side of the building where the paint is peeling badly and is an eyesore for the entire neighborhood. Painting it doesn't work, we have done that twice in recent years and the paint simply will not adhere to that wall, it needs to be resurfaced and that will be quite expensive, it is a huge wall. We are working on plans to accomplish this necessary task. Unfortunately, we are still making payments on our passenger elevators and on the Solar panels on our roof, so additional expenses will really put a strain on our pocketbook.

Our members have been very generous over the years and donations to the building fund have enabled us to make many major improvements in your Temple. As a member of the Oakland Scottish Rite Bodies, you can take pride in the fact that we have the best Scottish Rite Temple in California. Thank you for your support in keeping it that way.

Fraternally and Sincerely, *Alex Kirkpatrick, 33°*

Library Corner

THE SUBLIME MASTERS GUILD

Oakland Scottish Rite

Harry G. Yetter Masonic Research Library

Original Opus Magnum Degrees by Illustrious
Albert Pike 33°

7:00 PM

Monday – November 10th

Sublime Masters Guild

Dress Code - Casual

13th Degree Reading

Royal Arch

Moral character is a habit, not formed in a moment.

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Monday – December 8th

Knights of the Rose Croix

By Invitation only – Dress Code Suit & Tie

16th Degree Reading

Prince's of Jerusalem

Building a living Temple of the Living God in our Hearts.

To achieve immortality by leaving a noble heritage

to those who will follow.

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The Sublime Masters Guild, Lodge of Perfection degree readings are open to all members of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. This is an evening one can meet with other brethren of our order, listen, contemplate and discuss the meaning of our degrees. The dress for the evening is casual and all members are encouraged to attend.

New Books in your Library

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Dictionary of Gnosis & Western Esotericism

Woulter J. Hanegraaff

Western Esotericism & Rituals of Initiation

Henrik Bogdan

Western Esotericism

Kocku von Stuckrad

Restoring the Temple of Vision

Cabalistic Freemasonry and Stuart Culture

Marsha K. Schuchard

Sacred Geometry

Deciphering the Code

Stephen Skinner

Solomon's Temple

Myth & History

W. Hamblin & D. Seely

The Rosslyn Hoax?

Viewing Rosslyn Chapel from a New Perspective

Robert Cooper

The First Freemasons

Scotland's Early Lodges and Their Members

David Stevenson

The Rosicrucian Enlightenment

Francis Yates

Understanding Manhood in America

Freemasonry's Enduring Path to the Mature Masculine

Robert G. Davis

**MASONRY....
OUR #1 PRIORITY!**

Membership

32° Master of the Royal Secret

The degree of Master of the Royal Secret selects, clarifies and unifies into a single coherent doctrine all the duties and lessons of the preceding degrees. In it we continue our journey eastward in search of the Holy Doctrine of which the Royal Secret is the foundation. To unveil the symbolism of the ages is a journey backward in time to the basic truths known by the ancient sages. Once these truths are revealed, our special charge is to maintain them in their purity, passing them on to the future concealed in allegory and symbolism and revealing them only to worthy men.

Saturday - November 8th 2008

2:00 PM – Candidates & Officers to meet in Library

3:00 PM - 31° Communication

4:00 PM - 32° Master of the Royal Secret

6:00 PM - Hospitality

7:00 PM – Consistory Festive Board

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Dress Code- Jacket/Suit & Tie / Officers Tuxedo

Festive Board – **Open to Family & Friends**

No Charge – **Reservations Required**

Contact Office – 510-451-1903

## Freemasonry! Our Number One Priority



### The Lost Word

It has not yet been whispered in the ear,  
nor has it been shouted from the heights;  
but the heart has hinted it to the head  
in the great silence  
~ A. E. Waite~

Whispered in our ear a question of ones quest for that answer a future age might endeavor to one day find. Yet we find ourselves afterwards surrounded with the entrapments of the material world, unknowingly pulling us back towards the darkness and away from that we had been charged to seek. Through silence we hear the question asking us to seek her...In time we find others that hear that same whisper...Together through steps and degrees we descend to find her in hope that we have not hurried and forgotten, causing the rubbish to bury us in our search. It is found, but our arrogance is blinded by the brightness and we do not see that a new path has been shown, where even we as mere mortals are able to walk in the footsteps of Masters.

**Masonry is the subjugation of the Human  
that is in man by the Divine;  
the conquest of the appetites and passions  
by the moral sense and the reason;  
a continual effort, struggle and warfare,  
of the spiritual against the material and sensual.  
That victory – when it has been achieved and secured,  
the conqueror may rest upon his shield  
and wear the well earned laurels - is the true Holy Empire.**  
~ Albert Pike~

The Masons traveled path is one over ruff and rugged roads; one beset with trials and temptations of this our material world; yet through study, contemplation and application, the Word may, within our own age, be just a breath away from discovery.

Gregory Rapp, 32° KCCH

## Childhood Language Center Donations

### August and September



### Memorial Donation

In memory of Terry Andrews

Uttam & Janet Dhillon  
Lorraine Hagge  
Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Maraccini  
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Alice Ponti  
Diane Thomas  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Tuomisto  
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Mr. & Mrs. Charles W. Barry  
In memory of Joe Digirno

Kathleen Dunlap  
In memory of Elmer Ross

In memory of William Heffelfinger

Mr. & Mrs. James Bishop  
Mr. & Mrs. Tony Chapman  
Mr. George Christensen  
Ms. Lois Luiz

Mr. & Mrs. Low Kee Lee  
In memory of Merle Runolfson

Mr. & Mrs. Rodger Page  
In memory of Tom Arney  
In memory of Merle Runolfson

Mr. & Mrs. John Tom  
In memory of Ray Hodgins

Dr. Cleveland Valrey  
In memory of Kikuko Valrey  
In memory of Richard Doyle

### 365 CLUB

Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Emberton

Mr. Dean Frazier

### General Donations

Mr. Sherwin Coleman

Mr. Philip Gibson

Mr. Dexter W. Hong

Ms. Rachel Zi Liang

Mr. Xuan Q. Nguyen

Mr. Raymond Rivers

Ms. Mireya Rodriquez

Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Tarantino

Ms. Sally J. Tonningsen

### In Honor of:

50th Wedding Anniversary of John & Patricia Beringer  
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Kenst  
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Huff

25th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Norb Waldron  
Mr. & Mrs. James Bishop

Ms. Linlian Chou—In honor of Nan Busse

Mr. & Mrs. David Forsyth—in honor of Jason

## Oakland Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center Annual Christmas Party Monday, December 15th

Our annual Children's Christmas Party has gotten bigger and better each year. The Oakland Scottish Rite Ladies Club will be helping Santa again this year by stuffing the stockings and helping Santa pass them out.

Each child who attends will have the opportunity to meet Santa, tell him what they want for Christmas, and get a Polaroid picture of themselves with Santa for their parents. The party is for the children of our clinic and also for the children and grandchildren of our members. But since we're all kids at heart, you don't have to have children to attend. It is fun for seniors to watch the children; in fact we usually have a group here from the Masonic Home enjoying the children. Please put this event on your calendar and plan to join us for an evening of fun and excitement.

There will be a \$5 charge for adults but no charge for the children this year. A ticket will be required for admission. Call our office for reservations because we need to know how much food to cook. Cut off date for reservations is Friday, December 12th.

# Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry

## Southern Jurisdiction

### Oakland Scottish Rite Bodies

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME

MIDDLE NAME

LAST NAME

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ WIFE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

BLUE LODGE \_\_\_\_\_ NO. \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_ RETIRED? \_\_\_ YES \_\_\_ NO

IF RETIRED, PLEASE LIST FORMER OCCUPATION

U.S. CITIZEN? YES: \_\_\_\_\_ NO: \_\_\_\_\_ If NO, WHERE? \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever petitioned for any of the Scottish Rite Degrees? \_\_\_\_\_

I believe in the inculcation of patriotism, respect for law and order, and undying loyalty to the principles of civil and religious liberty, the entire separation of church and state as set forth in the Constitution of the United States of America. Wholeheartedly believing in the foregoing, I respectfully petition to receive the 4<sup>th</sup> through 32<sup>nd</sup> Degrees. I am a Master Mason in good standing.

\_\_\_\_\_ **SPONSOR #1 NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

INITIATION FEE IS \$100.00

**SPONSOR #2 NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

DUES FOR 2009—\$95.00

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

## In Memoriam

**Entered into Rest  
as of September, 2008**

**Terry Andrews**

**Charles Black**

**Christopher B. Cole**

**Emil E. Dietz**

**Glendon E. Dill**

**Robert E. Erickson**

**Robert Erwin**

**Carroll Nelson**

**Aaron J. Pingree**

**Ralph B. Renholts**

*"Soft and Safe to Thee my Brethren, Be Thy Resting Place"*

### Sublime Masters Guild

**Masonic Discussion Group**  
Following the Stated Meeting  
**Monday, November 3rd**  
**"The Religion of Freemasonry"**  
**"The Geometry of Character"**  
*Joseph Fort Newton*

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**Sublime Masters Guild**  
**13<sup>th</sup> Degree Reading**  
**Secret Master**  
**Monday November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008**  
**7:00 PM - Oakland SR Library**

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**Rose Croix**  
**Funeral Ceremony**

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# STATED MEETING

**Monday Evening, December 1, 2008**

**Stated Meeting 5:30**

**FIRST READING AND ELECTION OF CANDIDATES**

**FOR DEGREES, AFFILIATION, AND REINSTATEMENT**

**Catered Dinner Served at 7:00 - Cost \$12 per person**

**Master's Appreciation Night**

**Election of Officers**

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**Rose Croix Memorial Service following the meeting**

**November / December 2008**

John D. Beringer, 33° Editor - (510) 451-1903

## **Gentle and Respectable Knights, and Friends,**

Traditionally, one of the primary duties of a Chapter Knights Rose Croix is to "cause a special annual meeting of sorrow to be holden, and addresses delivered thereat, in honor of the memory of all the Knights who have died during the year....." This year, we will again hold a memorial service immediately following the December Stated meeting. Join us in honoring our Knights who have, during the year, been called to the Celestial Lodge above.

"The memories and examples of the good and true Knights who leave us these legacies are the precious treasures of Masonry. Our praises of them ought to be preserved like laurels and coronets to reward and encourage the noblest things, and it is an office and charge of humanity to speak no evil of the departed." *From "Forms and Traditions of the Scottish Rite", C. Fred Kleinknect, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander*

We would like to honor those fallen brother Knights. If you know of such a fallen Knight and would like his name read in the roll of those fallen brothers we will be remembering that evening, please submit his name to us.

**Robert Hansen, 32°, KCCH, Wise Master,**

Gethsemane Chapter #2, Knights Rose Croix

**Proceeds from all activities announced in  
this issue are for the benefit of the mem-  
bers of the Oakland Scottish Rite or the  
Childhood Language Disorders Clinic.**

### ALLEGIANCE

The Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry sitting in the Valley of Oakland, Orient of California, acknowledge and yield allegiance to The Supreme Council (Mother Council of the World) of the Inspectors General, Knights commanders of the House of the Temple of Solomon, of the Thirty-third and last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America whose See is at the Grand Orient of Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, now sitting at Washington, D.C., of which

Illustrious RONALD A. SEALE, 33°

is

SOVEREIGN GRAND COMMANDER OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL

Illustrious WILLIAM F. STOVALL 33°

SOVEREIGN GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL IN CALIFORNIA

and

Illustrious EDWARD P. MARGHERIO, 33°,

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOVEREIGN GRAND  
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